



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3738**

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

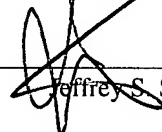
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